

Message Text

PAGE 01 BEIRUT 14542 220937Z

14
ACTION SS-30

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CCO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 INRE-00 /031 W
----- 078111

P R 220845Z DEC 73
FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5775
INFO USMISSION GENEVA PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY AMMAN
AMCONSUL JERUSALEM
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

S E C R E T BEIRUT 14542

EXDIS

DEPT ALSO PASS USINT CAIRO

FOR SISCO

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINR, XF
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES

SWEDISH AMBASSADOR (THOROUGHLY RELIABLE SOURCE) TELLS
ME HE JUST LEARNED FOLLOWING INFO FROM SENIOR SWEDISH
OFFICER WITH UNTSO ON SYRIAN-ISRAELI FRONT: LATTER HAS
RECENTLY HAD OPPORTUNITY OBSERVE SITUATION IN DEPTH
WITHIN SYRIA BEHIND CEASEFIRE LINE, AND HAS NOTED MAJOR
BUILD-UP OVER PAST FEW WEEKS. WHEREAS UP TO ONE MONTH
AGO, HE ANTICIPATED CEASEFIRE WOULD HOLD ON THAT FRONT
UNTIL SPRING, HE NOW BELIEVES THERE IS SERIOUS RISK
OF MAJOR CLASH BY MID-JANUARY, UNLESS THERE IS BREAK-
THROUGH IN GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS BY THEN.

HE REASONS THAT EVEN IF SYRIANS DO NOT EXPLOIT THEIR
CURRENT BUILD-UP TO ATTACK, THEIR POTENTIAL FOR
CAUSING SEVERE DAMAGE BY SURPRISE MOVE WOULD BE SO GREAT
THAT ISRAELIS, STILL SMARTING FROM OCTOBER 6 SET-BACK,
WILL CONCLUDE THAT PE-EMPTIVE STRIKE IS NECESSARY.

SECRET

PAGE 02 BEIRUT 14542 220937Z

BUFFUM

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

SECRET

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: Z
Capture Date: 10 MAY 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DISPUTES, POLITICAL SITUATION, NEGOTIATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 22 DEC 1973
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973BEIRUT14542
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: 11652 GDS
Errors: n/a
Film Number: P750029-2059
From: BEIRUT
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731256/abqceecy.tel
Line Count: 56
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, TEXT ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 OCT 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <09-Oct-2001 by rowellE0>; APPROVED <06-Dec-2001 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES
TAGS: PINR, XF, US, SY, IS, SZ
To: STATE INFO GENEVA
AMMAN
JERUSALEM
TEL AVIV
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005